making vigorous efforts to master the whole domains of nature; but its investigations are ever opening new wonders, of the existence of which the imagination did not so much as dream. In every part of nature there are latent powers at work, giving intimations, by signs which cannot be mistaken., of their existence, but not deigning to afford any insight into their nature.

It is out of these substances, simple and compound, with their several properties, that God hath constructed the visible universe. We speak of the *constructo?i* of the universe a.s something separate from, and additional to, the simple snb.stancv.-8 and properties; for it is possible to conceive of the matter of the universe with its properties being the same, and yet the universe* being different from the "existing one, for the powers, instead of conspiring arid co-operating, might have only opposed and thwarted each other, and resulted, not in order, but in a never-ending confusion, worse than the chaos which the pouts describe.

It is delightful to iind that, at this part of our Inquiries', wo can refer to one who combined in himself qualities whirl) are often dissevered hi others—the popular orator arid Nri"iifi!ic inquirer, the philosopher and divine, uniting simple faith \vifh the boldest spirit of speculation, standing firmly on the earth while he measures the heavens, and after his imagination IWH taken the widest excursions, and his understanding has constructed the noblest theories, ever returning to *tilt* at the feet of his Divine teacher. Adopting g the views net forth in those portions of Dr. Chalmers's Brklgewater Treatise and Natural Theology, in which he treats of what he calls the collocations or dispositions of matter, we hope to be able to give them a gi**Her extension, and a more special de/im tenons.

There are, it appears, about sixty elementary sulmtuncus in

nature with their separate rules of action, and there an? combinations of these elementary substances, and of the pruperfiun possessed by them, HO many that they cannot be nnwbtTOl, and so diversified that they cannot bo clasmiifti, while them in a certain room in boundless space allowed for theno Bulwtunces, and the play of their several qualities. The wisdom of Uod in specially seen in the adjustment of the several material substances with t-Ueir properties to each other. Not that there may not bo wisdom exhibited in the formation of each Hcparato substance considered in itself, and in the properties, more especially